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Docket No.: 34650-00665USPT  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Bernard Smeets et al.

Application No.: 09/821533

Confirmation No.: 4727

Filed: March 29, 2001

Art Unit: 2137

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURE  
LEVELED ACCESS CONTROL

Examiner: C. D. Fields

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

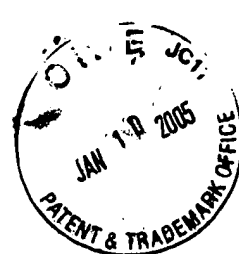
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004 (Paper No. 09282004), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.



<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. 34650-00665USPT	
Application No. 09/821533-Conf. #4727		Filing Date March 29, 2001		Examiner C. D. Fields	
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Applicant(s): Bernard Smeets et al.					
Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURE LEVELED ACCESS CONTROL					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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